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who is supposed to be checking the balance on the Legislature. Often he is like a dictator, but nobody is going to dictate to me on this particular Bill. As Senator Carpenter often points out the Legislature with 25 votes in most circumstances can do what ever it chooses and I add including making itself a donkey, is, which is what I feels happened this morning, but that is my own opinion. On this situation, the reason I'm opposed to the death penalty, and I think the Bill is before us for discussion, isn't that correct, because the motion was made to advance it and I'm watching my time.

SPEAKER: Thats correct.

CHAMBERS: The death penalty is often imposed according to the whim of the judge or the jury or a bigoted community. It is used to get rid of the poor, the black, the indian, the chicano, any group which is not acceptable by that particular society. We have two examples in Nebraska, where a chicano was convicted of having killed a white socialite and was sentenced to death. We have a case in the same city of Lincoln, where a white socialite was convicted of smothering her daughter but instead of being sent even to any State Institution, she was sent to the Menninger Clinic where she is being treated. Not punished but the purpose of a death penalty Bill is to get that pound of flesh, to get the revenge, the eye for an eye, and the tooth for a tooth and I'll give you another example for those of you who are bible believing Christians, who like to show that God wants people killed. In the New Testament which some people don't accept and some people don't accept the Old Testament either, there was a case where a woman was brought to Jesus by a group of self-righteous individuals who believed in the death penalty and said she was caught in the act of adultery and the law said that she should die and what did Jesus say. Jesus said, he that who is without sin among you, let him cast the first stone, and maybe he was aware of some of the activities these men who brought her to him, had engaged in with her, but here's where we see the defect in the death penalty in those who advocate it. If the woman was guilty of a capital offense and should have died, where was the man. Adultery can not be committed by one person, why did not they bring the man and asked that the death penalty be imposed on him too? Because the death penalty even in Jesus's day, was selectively imposed. That is the way it is going to be imposed now and at any time that a State in this country decides that its going to take peoples lives, and I know somebodys going to ask me, if somebody did something to my family, what would I do. It was bad enough, I would try to kill him, or her, maybe not her, because contrary to what Senator Proud said, I do make a distinction between men and woman, but if I did get angry enough to take somebodys life, it would be during a period of great emotional stress and anger and when I couldn't control my emotions and exercise according to my mind. So if your going to take the action of a man who is disordered in his mind and admits it and reduce it to the official policy of a State and let it be passed by a Legislature composed supposedly of deliberative men, then I think this is a gross error in judgement and it means that the State has not progressed very far beyond the limits of barbarity. I do not think this Bill should pass. I'm going to wind up in 30 seconds if I may, just a

SPEAKER: That wasn't that wasn't my point, my point was that we've have the DeCamp Amendment before us, not the whole Bill, go ahead,

CHAMBERS: Well I'm, I'm addressing my remarks to Senator DeCamps Amendment. I think his Amendments are very similar to mine, and I think that if any thing is done with the Bill it must be amended, the death penalty must be mandatory, and if you don't accept his Amendments or mine, then you've got an unconstitutional Bill and the Governor will show himself to be the greatest hypocrite in the world, it after what he did with LB 12, because of what he called technical difficulties, he would sign this Bill, but he will sign it, and I'm going to